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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Ziech et al.	)	Group Art Unit 3616
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Filed: July 7, 2003	)	Examiner
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Serial No.: 10/614,232	)	Attorney Docket 1-16143
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For: CONTROL ROD SUSPENSION	)	
WITH OUTBOARD SHOCK	)	

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STATUS INQUIRY

Honorable Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, the last communication received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was the Notice of Publication of Application indicating the application would be published on January 13, 2005. Accordingly, because the application was filed approximately 19 months ago, applicants hereby urgently request that the Patent Office advise applicants' undersigned attorney as to the status of the application.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested.

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